Colleagues,

Since the last time we sent out a note on VRAP....we had a great week and saw continued increases in applicants, COE's, and enrolled. Here is a good YouTube link for our latest VRAP public service announcement describing a Veteran actually using VRAP. It is also on our VRAP web page at www.benefits.va.gov/VOW. This is the YouTube link http://youtu.be/3bYOSyU-6x0.

The most recent employment information was released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics this past Friday. FYSA, attached and below is a synopsis of that information as it relates to Veterans. Bottom line:

Overall unemployment - 7.9% Veteran unemployment - 7.6%

- Veteran unemployment rate remained lower than the non-veteran unemployment rate for 8th consecutive month
- 75% of all unemployed Veterans are over the age of 35

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
National	7.9%	0.1%	12.3M	100,000
All Veterans (100%)	7.6%	0.6%	844,000	87,000
Post-9/11 Veterans (29%)	11.7%	0.9%	252,000	26,000
18-24 Veterans (6%)	31.3%	8.6%	51,000	-4,000
25-34 Veterans (19%)	11.5%	1.5%	160,000	28,000
35-44 Veterans (16%)	6.5%	1.6%	138,000	43,000
45-54 Veterans (19%)	5.8%	-1.4%	162,000	-41,000
55+ Veterans (40%)	7.2%	1.1%	333,000	62,000

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Unemployment

Cohort (% of total)	Rate	Change	Level	Change
<u>National</u>	7.9%	0.1%	12.3M	100,000
>27 Weeks			4.7M	-100,000
All Veterans (100%)	7.6%	0.6%	844,000	87,000
Male	7.5%	0.7%	721,000	65,000
Female	8.8%	-0.3%	123,000	23,000
Post-9/11 Veterans (29%)	11.7%	0.9%	252,000	26,000
Male	10.5%	0.6%	186,000	6,000
Female	17.1%	1.4%	66,000	20,000
18-24 Veterans (6%)	31.3%	8.6%	51,000	-4,000
Male	22.7%	4.1%	27,000	-12,000
Female*	55.7%	9.3%	24,000	8,000
25-34 Veterans (19%)	11.5%	1.5%	160,000	28,000
Male	11.5%	2.0%	134,000	23,000
Female	11.3%	-2.5%	26,000	5,000
35-44 Veterans (16%)	6.5%	1.6%	138,000	43,000
Male	5.8%	0.9%	103,000	21,000
Female	10.1%	5.2%	35,000	22,000
45-54 Veterans (19%)	5.8%	-1.4%	162,000	-41,000
Male	6.2%	-0.8%	144,000	-26,000
Female	4.1%	-4.2%	18,000	-15,000
<u>55+ Veterans</u> (40%)	7.2%	1.1%	333,000	62,000
Male	7.3%	1.3%	312,000	57,000
Female	6.2%	-0.4%	21,000	4,000

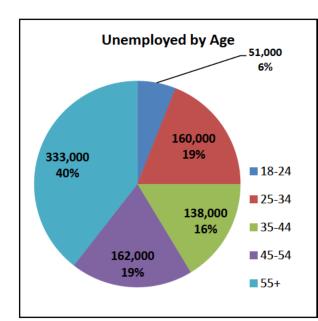
^{*} Does not meet BLS publication criteria

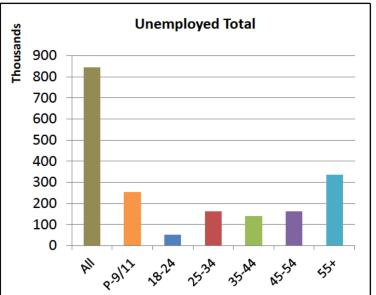
Unemployed by State Data

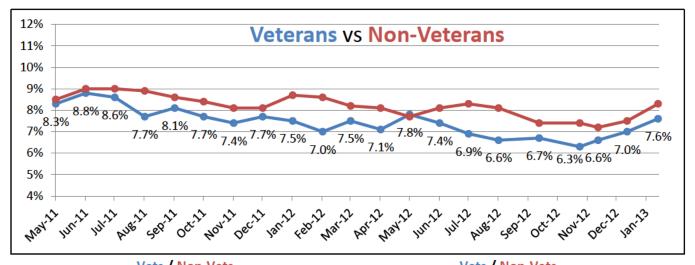
Highest Levels (32% of total)	Level	Highest Rates	Rate
California	82,000	Arkansas	20.2%
Ohio	52,000	New Jersey	14.9%
Georgia	47,000	Ohio	13.2%
Pennsylvania	47,000	Georgia	12.1%
North Carolina	46,000	Indiana	12.1%

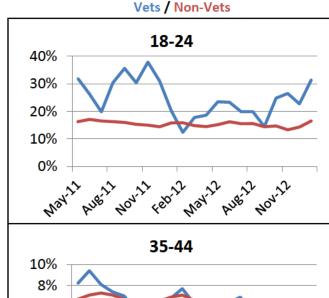
Employment Sector

Sector	+/-	Sector	+/-
Retail	+33k	Manufacturing	Even
Construction	+28k	Financial	Even
Health Care	+23k	Professional/Business	Even
Wholesale Trade	+15k	Government	Even
Mining	+6k	Transportation/Warehousing	-14k









6%

4%

2%

0%

